

Announcements

WORSHIP

Welcome to North Fresno Church! In the 1st Service, Larry M leads worship and music. Jamie M, Julia R, and worship team lead worship and music in the 2nd Service. Pastor James and Karina R preach. The Bible passages for reading and reflection are 1 Kings 8:1, 6,10-11, 22-30, 41-43, Psalm 84, Ephesians 6:10-20, and John 6:56-69.

Next week, Pastor James and Justin D will preach. The Bible passage for reading and reflection is Romans 12.

If you are a guest with us today, we're so glad you're here! Please complete a Connecting Card and drop it in the offering bag.

CONNECT

TODAY, we will have a reception in the Family Center during the Fellowship and Sunday School hour. We will thank God and celebrate with Pastor Vanna and Marly and family because Vanna received a pardon from Governor Jerry Brown.

Men, sign up for NFC Man Camp at Camp Keola which takes place this Friday, August 24 through next Sunday, August 26. Register for camp TODAY (the last day to register). The registration form is on a table in the Lobby. Contact Pastor Loren or Dwight B for more information.

All Women are invited to a get together at Nancy G's home this Thursday, August 23 at 6:00 p.m. The new fall Wednesday evening Bible study curriculum will be introduced. For more information, call Nancy.

Next Sunday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 309 (ROCK Room) NFC is hosting an Immigration Workshop for all those interested in finding out more about this important and significant issue. Nate Y, member of NFC and on staff with Mennonite Central Committee, will facilitate the conversation and explore the issue through the lens of the Bible, testimony, and understanding current law. If you need childcare please contact Pastor Connie.

Coming Event:

Wednesday, August 22, 6:30 p.m.: NFC Ministry Team Equipping Evening

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30 p.m.: Wednesday Evening Programs start for children 4 years old to adults

Sunday, September 9, 10:00 a.m.: Fall Kickoff Combined Service and Luncheon

Friday, September 28, 7:00 p.m.: Primetime with Fruit Carver Chef Ray Duey

SERVE

Everyone who volunteers is invited to an NFC Ministry Team Equipping Evening and Dessert this Wednesday, August 22 in the Family Center at 6:30 p.m. Childcare is available for children 3rd grade and under. Please RSVP to Pastor Connie if you need childcare. Sign up in the Lobby TODAY or contact your ministry leader. See bulletin insert for more information.

Sign-up to serve in Children's Ministry! Children's Ministry is looking for teachers and helpers for Sunday School, BLAST on Sundays, and Rotate on Wednesdays. Contact Pastor Connie to find out more and to get involved!

Bring the supplies for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) school kits to the Lobby by Sunday, September 2. The list of items to buy is at <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/school> or on the table in the Lobby. Please read carefully as some items have changed from the previous year. If you like to sew, MCC is in need of people to sew the school kit bags. Go to <https://mcc.org/get-involved/kits/bag> to find specific instructions on how to make a school kit bag.

ROCK (High School) students are raising money for National YouthCon by washing windows. If you would like to support the youth, sign up in the Lobby, or contact Pastor Vanna.

Urbana Missions Conference (www.urbana.org) in St. Louis, Missouri (December 27-31, 2018) is a global missions conference for college and graduate students. If you would like to apply for an Urbana scholarship from NFC, please write an email to the NFC Missions and Outreach Team by Tuesday, August 28. Please send to Annelies R.

Rejoice! Devotionals are in the Lobby for the quarter starting in September. The cost is \$6. The donation box is above the devotionals.

NFC is supporting NFC students with the Fresno Pacific University and Seminary Church Match Scholarship this school year. Fresno Pacific University students include: Adam D, David D, Justin D, Jessica I, Haley M, Julia R, Morgan S, Tong Y, and Grace Y. Seminary students include: Allison C, Jason K, Tim N, Connie N, and Sharmaine W-C.

Fresno Pacific Biblical Seminary offers opportunities to audit many of their courses. This semester Tim G, part of NFC, is teaching "The Church and God's Mission" on Tuesday evenings and "Gospel of Mark" on Thursday evenings. Contact Tim G or Christopher V. The cost is only \$20 for seniors.

Attendance for August 12, 2018: 282

Offering for General Budget for August 12, 2018: \$9,084.75

A Place For YOU To Connect!

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes are in the Education Building.

NURSERY, 8:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m.

Ages 0-35 months

CHILDREN, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Ages 3-2nd Grade: Room 103
3rd-6th Grade: Family Center

JUNIOR HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

10:00 -10:50 a.m.

Family Center

3RD GRADERS TO ADULTS, 10:00-10:50 a.m.

Thanking God & Celebrating with Pastor Vanna: Family Center

THIS WEEK AT NFC: AUGUST 12 – 18

Tuesday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
NFC Pastor & Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
Worship Team Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.
A.A. Meeting, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Ministry Team Equipping, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday

Women's Meeting at Nancy G's Home, 6:00 p.m.
Women's A.A. Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

Friday

Bread & Basketball, 5:30 a.m.
Men's Prayer Meeting, 6:00 a.m.

Friday – Sunday

Man Camp at Camp Keola

Prayer Connection

NFC FAMILY

Pray for the following people: **Adrian C; Jabarri C and Sharmaine W-C, Jaelyn, Josiah, and Jensen; Jennifer D; Sonia N DF; James D T; and Wilf and Sandra D.**

Pray for **Cindy and Mark W, Aaron and Christa W, and families, as they grieve the death of Beverly G, mother of Cindy and grandmother of Aaron. She passed away on Friday, August 10.** The memorial service will be at Palm Village in Reedley this Wednesday, August 22 at 10:00 a.m.

Pray for **healing** for those dealing with illness and medical treatments: **Jonathan N, Nalynn N, Sandy O, Tammy S, Lizzie T, and Richard U.**

NFC MINISTRIES

Pray for **Pastor James and Marcy and family** as he gives leadership at NFC. Pray that God will give Pastor James wisdom, love, and energy.

Pray for the **2018-2019 Micah Project Interns: Maddie C, Jessica I, Celeste L, Marisa M, Caitlin T, and Karen V** as they return from their retreat today.

Pray for the **search team** as they lead us in a discernment process for our next Associate Pastor of Music and Worship for our contemporary service. Search Team includes: **Shawna S (Chair), Kristina N, Jason I, Julia R, John F, Kathy H, Pastor Milt, and Pastor James.**

The **pastors and the Congregational Care Team** host a **time of healing prayer** in the Conference Room at **9:45 a.m. next Sunday** and on the last Sunday of every month. If you want to join in this prayer time, just come.

COMMUNITY MINISTRIES

Pray for **other churches** in our neighborhood, **Church of the Living Water** (on Bullard Ave., between N. Fresno and 1st Street) and **Mountain View Community Church**, a sister Mennonite Brethren church that meets in the Fresno area. Pray that God would bless and use both these churches for effective Kingdom work and to help meet the needs of the community. .

Prayer requests written on NFC Connecting cards and put in the offering bag are prayed for by the staff each week. If you wish to put a prayer request on the NFC e-prayer chain, email the office or post on NFC's Facebook page.

First Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

8:30 A.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

Everyone is invited to use the Connecting Cards to share your prayer requests, or give other information. **Guests** are also invited to use the Connecting Cards and place them in the offering bag. Thank you.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

“Mennonite Doxology” by Handel/Haydn
“As the Dew from Heaven Distilling” by Daynes
“Ancient Words” by DeShazo

CALL TO WORSHIP

“How Firm a Foundation” Hymn #275

WELCOME AND GREETING

CELEBRATION OF PASTOR VANNA’S PARDON

“Doxology” Hymn #625

PRAYER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/OFFERTORY: *“Sunshine In My Soul”*

SOLO: *“Moment of Grace”*

BIBLE READING: 1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Hymn #280, vs. 1, 3, 5

*Children, 3 years through 2nd Grade, are invited to Children’s Church.**

MESSAGE: *“Welcome!”* Pastor James

“Blest Be the Tie that Binds” Hymn #286, vs. 1, 2

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: *“Allegro from Symphony II”* by Boyce

Larry M: Worship Leader
Carol H: Pianist
Leon T: Soloist
Bev K: Bible Reader
Evelyn K: Organist

Infants and toddlers through age 35 months are cared for in the nursery on the 1st floor of the Education Building. Pagers are provided to parents in case their child has a need. *Children from 3 years through 2nd grade are invited to Children’s Church in Room 101 on the 1st floor of the Education Building.

Second Service

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

11:00 A.M. SUNDAY, AUGUST 19, 2018

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

“There Is a Kingdom” Worship Team

OFFERING

PRAYER AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION OF PASTOR VANNA’S PARDON

“Doxology”
“Victory Chant”
“Trading My Sorrows”

WELCOME AND GREETING

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WORSHIP AND MUSIC

Worship Team

CALL TO WORSHIP

“All Who Are Thirsty”
“Known”
“I Love You, Lord”
Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43

MESSAGE: *“Welcome!”*

Pastor James

SENDING

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